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TAGS: SOPN, SF
SUBJECT: PRESS REACTIONS TO AMBASSADOR'S SPEECH TO
JOHANNESBURY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

1. I AM SUBMITTING BY SEPTEL TEXT OF SPEECH WHICH I
DELIVERED TO JOHANNESBURG CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ANNUAL
MEETING AUGUST 8, AS IT APPEARS CERTAIN PRESS ELEMENTS
(ESPECIALLY THE CITIZEN) ARE SEEKING TO BUILD IT INTO AN
ISSUE FOR GOVERNMENT ATTENTION. SPEECH WAS SPECIALLY
GEARED TO BUSINESS-COMMERCIAL AUDIENCE WHICH NUMBERED
ABOUT 400, ALTHOUGH PRESS AND SABC-TV WERE PRESENT. IT
SEEMED PARTICULARLY WELL RECEIVED BY THAT AUDIENCE AS
JUDGED BY REACTIONS AT LARGE RECEPTION THAT FOLLOWED
GENERAL MEETING AND AT DINNER OF CHAMBER OFFICERS LATER.

2. DESPITE PRESENCE OF SABC AND NEWSPAPER REPORTERS, I
DECLINED TO GIVE OUT ANY COPY OF THE SPEECH AT THE TIME
OR SUBSEQUENTLY (EVEN THOUGH THE SUNDAY TRIBUNE SAID IT
WOULD LIKE TO PRINT THE FULL TEXT), AS I HAVE NOT WISHED
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TO CREATE ANY IMPRESSION ON THE GOVERNMENT SIDE THAT I
AM TRYING TO CONDUCT A MAJOR PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN. SABC
OBVIOUSLY GOT A GOOD RECORDING OF THE SPEECH AND DIRECT
QUOTES FROM IT HAVE BEEN ACCURATE.

3. DESPITE SUGGESTIONS OF SAG DISPLEASURE IN A CITIZEN
ARTICLE TODAY, THE SUBJECT WAS NOT EVEN MENTIONED TO ME

WHEN I SAW BRAND FOURIE YESTERDAY, NOR DID IT COME UP
DURING A CALL ON THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT, WHOSE PRIVATE
SECRETARY REMARKED PLEASANTLY THAT HE HAD SEEN ME ON TV
THE NIGHT BEFORE.

4. ALTHOUGH ASKED FOR REACTIONS TO THE PRESS REACTIONS,
I AM DECLINING TO GIVE ANY, WITH OFF-THE-RECORD EXPLANATION
OF REASONS THEREFOR TO KNOWN FREINDLY JOURNALISTS. UNLESS
IT BECOMES AN ISSUE IN ITSELF, I THINK IT BEST TO CONTINUE
POLICY OF NOT DISTRIBUTING TEXT OF SPEECH TO THE PRESS OR
GENERAL PUBLIC.

5. PRESS REACTIONS BEING REPORTED SEPTELS.
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